

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

American democracy rests on the ability of the public to make informed decisions based on a marketplace of ideas. That marketplace is severely hampered by the current trend of media consolidation, and I urge you to uphold (or even tighten) the current rules.